Commonwealth Games

2720. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the major steps taken for the hosting of Commonwealth Games in New Delhi;

(b) whether we have made efforts or proposed to take measures to train our sportspersons to perform extraordinary in Commonweath Games in North Delhi;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Government has taken following major steps for hosting of the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi:

i) Setting up of institutional mechanisms for Commonwealth Games, 2010.

ii) Recommending the venues for various disciplines and agencies involved for creation/upgradation.

iii) Finacial arrangments to be followed by all stakeholders for seeking finacial assistance for Games.

(b) to (d) The Government of India supports and supplements the efforts of State Government and National Sports Federations for preparing/training of Indian Sportspersons/athletes to win medals in international events. Although the present schemes/resources provide for training of Indian Sportpersons for Commonwealth Games, 2010, keeping in view the importance of the event, the Government is holding discussions with various National Sports Federations to identify areas where additional assistance could be given to promising sportspersons.

Handing over of captive coal mines to private companies

†2721.SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the purpose of handing over captive coal mines to the private companies;

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